



CITY OF LANGLEY
COUNCIL MEMBER MOTION

RCMP Contract Policing Municipal Cost Increases – Mayor van den Broek

WHEREAS the recent collective agreement between the RCMP and National Police Federation includes significant retroactive pay going back to 2017 as well as pay increases going forward; and

WHEREAS Our municipality and others that depend on RCMP contract policing are facing significant, unbudgeted costs that may force us to make very difficult choices at a time when our primary focus needs to be on economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS Municipalities were not consulted at any stage of the negotiations process, despite the outcome of these negotiations having a direct and significant impact on municipal operations; and

WHEREAS RCMP cost increases will disproportionately impact rural communities; and

WHEREAS municipalities are eager to work more closely with other orders of government and the RCMP on contract policing issues to ensure the financial sustainability of contract policing and to maintain the service levels necessary for community safety; therefore

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Langley City joins the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the federal government to absorb all retroactive costs associated with the implementation of the new RCMP labour relations regime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the federal government should commit to ensuring municipalities are properly consulted prior to implementation of measures that impact local fiscal sustainability and ability to maintain effective levels of police services in communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.